Presently following major projects are in progress:

(a) Additional pair of lines between Bandra & Andheri (7.2 Km) estimated to cost Rs. 60 crore, and scheduled to be completed by March 1993 subject to availability of funds.

(b) New line between Mankhurd & Belapur (18 Km), estimated to cost about Rs. 287 crore, and scheduled to be completed by August 1992 subject to availability of funds and completion of station buildings by the City Industrial Development Corporation. For timely completion of the work, encroachments would also need to be removed.

(c) Optimisation on one of the Central Railway corridors to reduce the headway from 5 minutes, to 4 minutes, scheduled to cost Rs. 50 crore.

(d) Electrification of Diva-Panvel line (26 Km) estimated to cost Rs. 14.8 crore.

(e) New terminals at Bandra & Kurla (estimated to cost Rs. 12.5 crore and Rs. 28.5 crore respectively).

(f) Road over-bridges in replacement of busy level crossings and foot over-bridges at selected stations.

(g) Announcing systems at Churchgate, Bombay Central, Borivali and electronic guidance system at Bombay Central, and self-printing ticket machines at selected stations.

Construction of Railway platforms

3002. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of passenger platforms newly constructed at each major/medium Stations with names of stations during the last three years in each Saiway Zone;

(b) the number of platforms under construction at each major/medium stations for passenger traffic in each Zonal Railways with names of stations; and

(c) what are the details of funds sanctioned for the construction of new passenger platforms on each major/medium stations in each Zone upto the end of December, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Unused railway-line-lying material

3003. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unused railway line laying material and other materials such as iron and timber etc. worth crores of rupees are lying unguarded at several places and railway yards in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the estimated amount of such piled up materials on work spots which is lying unutilised due to change of plans or such other reasons; and

(c) what step Governmnet propose to take for utilisation/auction and proper care of these materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir. Necessary watch is kept on all track laying materials at railway yards, work sites and other locations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Unserviceable materials from amongst the released materials are regularly sold by auction. The serviceable materials are transferred to other work sites where they are planned to be used. Arrangement for proper care of the materials exists.